Exhibit 2

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Public Health Service

Atlanta GA 30333

June 17, 2024

Aaron Siri Attorney, Siri & Glimstad LLP 745 Fifth Ave., Suite 500 New York, NY 10151 Via email: foia@sirillp.com

Dear Mr. Siri:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 13, 2024 for:

[IR#10016B] The protocol and all data sets for the study titled, "Prevalence, incidence, and progression of human immunodeficiency virus infection in homosexual and bisexual men in hepatitis B vaccine trials, 1978-1988" published by the American Journal of Epidemiology in December 1989, attached hereto as Attachment A.

Information helpful to fulfilling the request: Responsive records should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The total number of trial participants who contracted human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and who received at least one dose of the hepatitis B vaccine.
- (2) The total number of trial participants who contracted HIV and who received the placebo only.
- (3) The HIV infection rate by number of doses among trial participants by year.

Your request was assigned #24-01222-FOIA and placed in our complex processing queue.

Extension of Time

In unusual circumstances, an agency can extend the twenty-working-day limit to respond to a FOIA request.

We will require an additional ten-working-days to respond to your request because:

X We reasonably expect to consult with two or more C/I/O/s, or another HHS operating division or another federal agency about your request.

To process your request promptly, please consider narrowing the scope of your request to limit the number of responsive records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handling your request Rachel Friend at ult5@cdc.gov or (404) 639-4958 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Roger Andoh at 770-488-6277. Additionally, you may contact the Office of

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Government Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services; National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Fees and Fee Waivers

You requested that we waive fees associated with processing your request. Your request is granted.

Fee Category

Because you are considered a "News Media requester," you will not be charged fees unless you choose to receive responsive records in hard copy. (10 cents/page)

You may check on the status of your case on our FOIA webpage https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx and entering your assigned request number. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Rachel Friend at ult5@cdc.gov or (404) 639-4958.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive a final response by July 31, 2024. Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take the agency to close requests ahead of your request in the queue and complete work on your request. The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimated date.

Sincerely.

Roger Andoh

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